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SUBJECT: CANDIDACY OF DR. ANTONIO GOMEZ ROBLEDO FOR
INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE SEAT

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1. REF A CONTAINS BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON MEXICAN
AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND, DR. ANTONIO GOMEZ ROBLEDO, WHO
IS THE MEXICAN CANDIDATE FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN SEAT IN
THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE.

2. EMBASSY FEELS THAT AMBASSADOR GOMEZ IS WELL QUALIFIED
FOR A SEAT AT THE ICJ. HE HAS THE EDUCATION, WORK EXPERI-
ENCE, AND TEMPERAMENT NEEDED FOR THE POSITION. A PROFES-
SIONAL DIPLOMAT, WHO HAS HAD FIVE AMBASSADORSHIPS AND WHO
ONCE SERVED AS JURIDICAL COUNSELOR IN THE MEXICAN SECRE-
TARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, GOMEZ HAS REPRESENTED HIS
COUNTRY IN A VARIETY OF INTERNATIONAL FORA. HE IS HIGHLY
REGARDED BY HIS ASSOCIATES IN THE FOREIGN RELATIONS
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SECRETARIAT AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN COOPERATIVE WITH EMBASSY
OFFICIALS. A STRONG ADVOCATE OF THE DOCTRINE OF NONINTER-
VENTION, GOMEZ HAS NOT ALWAYS AGREED WITH U. S. POSITIONS,
BUT HE MUST BE CONSIDERED FRIENDLY TO THE U. S. AMEMBASSY
MEXICO FEELS THAT GOMEZ WOULD BRING A BALANCED, NONPARTISA
VIEW TO THE COURT AND WE RECOMMEND HIS CANDIDACY.

3. GOMEZ HAS BEEN STATIONED OUT OF MEXICO SINCE 1975, AS
AMBASSADOR TO GREECE 91975-77) AND AS AMBASSADOR TO
SWITZERLAND (1977-PRESENT). IN LIGHT OF GOMEZ' RATHER
ADVANCED AGE, 69, AND AS AN AID TO THE DEEAATMENT IN CON-
SIDERING HIS CANDIDACY VIS-A-VIS THAT OF JOSE SETTE
CAMARA OF BRAZIL, IT WOULD BE VALUABLE TO HAVE ASSESSMENTS
OF GOMEZ' PERFORMANCE FROM BOTH AMEMBASSY BERN AND ATHENS.
THESE ASSESSMENTS SHOULD BE IN THE DEPARTMENT BY JULY 14.
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